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heating the cooled liquid crystal panel substantially to room temperature.

10. (Twice Amended) A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device, comprising:

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forming a liquid crystal panel having a first substrate and a second substrate;

interposing a ferroelectric liquid crystal layer comprised of liquid crystal molecules, between the first substrate and the second substrate;

cooling the liquid crystal layer to form a monostable alignment of the liquid crystal molecules; and

heating the cooled liquid crystal layer substantially to room temperature.

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12. (Twice Amended) A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, wherein the liquid crystal layer is cooled below a smectic phase temperature.

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18. (Twice Amended) A method of improving the contrast ratio of a liquid crystal display device, comprising:

forming a liquid crystal panel having a first substrate, a second substrate, and an interposed ferroelectric liquid crystal layer that is comprised of liquid crystal molecules;

cooling the liquid crystal layer to form a monostable alignment of the liquid crystal molecules;

heating the cooled liquid crystal layer substantially to room temperature; and

passing light through said liquid crystal panel.